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SUBJECT: GATT SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES

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1. ANOTHER MAJOR GENEVA DEL WHICH ASKED NOT BE IDENTIFIED REPORTS D. G. LONG HAS NOW BEGUN HIS ROUNDS OF KEY DELS FOR REACTION TO HIS PROPOSALS ON GATT SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES. LONG REPORTEDLY SAID HE COULD NOT DETERMINE WHO IN NEW YORK WAS CAPABLE OF MAKING DECISION ON COMPATIBILITY HIS PROPOSALS WITH UN COMMON SYSTEM. HOWEVER, HE REPEATED HIS DISTRUST OF "NEW YORK UN ESTABLISHMENT," WHICH HE SAID DOES NOT UNDERSTAND DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES AND FURTHERMORE IS HOSTILE AND NEGATIVE. SAID LATTER INCLINATION WAS HEIGHTENED BY FACT THAT CORRECTION OF GENEVA UN DIFFICULTIES MUST COME OUT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO UN WORLD-WIDE, INCLUDING NEW YORK.

2. LONG REPORTEDLY SAID ULTIMATELY GOVERNMENTS MUST MAKE DECISION ON COMPATIBILITY ANYWAY, AND GATT COUNCIL IS AS GOOD A FORUM AS ANY. HE PLANS CONTINUE TALKS WITH DELEGATIONS AND THEN CALL COUNCIL INTO SESSION IN EARLY MAY. THE DEL WITH WHICH HE CONSULTED SAID THEIR OWN INSTRUCTIONS/NOW FLEXIBLE AND THEY COULD
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APPROVE LONG'S PROPOSALS IN COUNCIL AS SHORT-TERM

ADJUSTMENT.

3. WE EXPECT INFORMAL MEETING GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE
SOMETIME DURING WEEK APRIL 21-25 TO DISCUSS SITUATION.
WILL REPORT POSITION OF OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS,
ALTHOUGH AT THIS POINT THERE NO INDICATION COMMITTEE
WILL HAVE THIS ISSUE PRESENTED TO IT AGAIN.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON (A) HOW TO RESPOND
TO LONG'S EXPECTED CONSULTATION WITH MISSION ON HIS
SALARY AND ALLOWANCE PROPOSALS AND (B) HOW TO
CHARACTERIZE U.S. REACTION TO LONG'S PROPOSALS WHEN
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETS WEEK OF APRIL 21-25.DALE

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